



# NEW LIFE

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*“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)*

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

#### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 105:1-4

1 Chronicles 16:8-11

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 197 – *“All Glory, Laud and Honour”*

RHC 93 – *“To God Be the Glory”*

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 136

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 136 verses 1-8*  
(to the tune of Crimond, RHC 344)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 113 – *“It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him!”*

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*Scriptural Text*

2 Kings 6:24 - 7:20

John 17:21-23

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Sermon Message*

*Men Dare Not Limit God*

*Unity, Diversity, & Testimony*

*The Lord's Supper*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 173 – *“There Is a Fountain”*

RHC 261 – *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Carl Martin

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*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

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\* Congregation Stands

#### **THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE**

The Lord is in His holy temple,  
The Lord is in His holy temple:  
Let all the earth keep silence,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -  
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

#### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.

#### **THE LORD BLESS YOU**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

**Church Theme 2015 – “Build a God-Honouring Family” – Joshua 24:15b**

# OBEYING WHEN IT HURTS

Adapted from New Life BP Church, Singapore Weekly - 18th October 2015

In his book Miracle on the River Kwai, Ernest Gordon tells the true story of a group of Prisoners of War (POWs) working on the Burma Railway during World War II:

“At the end of each day the tools were collected from the work party. On one occasion a Japanese guard shouted that a shovel was missing and demanded to know which man had taken it. He began to rant and rave, working himself up into a paranoid fury and ordered whoever was guilty to step forward. No one moved. “All die! All die!” he shrieked, cocking and aiming his rifle at the prisoners. At that moment one man stepped forward and the guard clubbed him to death with his rifle while he stood silently to attention. When they returned to the camp, the tools were counted again and no shovel was missing.”

No other details were given in the story about the man who stepped forward and why he did so but obviously his death saved the lives of many. What this man did is similar to what the Lord Jesus Christ did on the cross: He gave his life so that we may live. What I wish to highlight here is the obedience of Christ to His Heavenly Father, even unto death.

## **Biblical Obedience Or Human Morality?**

Biblical obedience comes from a reverential awe of who God is and what He has done for us. There is a distinction between obedience that comes from choosing to obey God and doing what is moral in our human understanding. There are many morally upright people in our society who do not know God and yet the things they do may even put Christians to shame. Their morality may be the result of environment, upbringing, personal integrity and perhaps even Church influence. There is however no reverential fear for God in them. If the Christian is not careful, he may also do likewise and conduct himself in moral uprightness but having little to do with the fear of God. This is not biblical obedience.

Biblical obedience begins with the heart of love. 1 John 5:3 says: *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.* This summarizes the obedience which expresses our love for God. Deuteronomy 6:4 – 5 (verse 4 is also known as Shema Yisrael יְשׁוּעָה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ; meaning “Hear, O Israel”) instructs the Israelites:

<sup>4</sup> *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:* <sup>5</sup> *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

This is to be passed down from generation to generation. Again, this is emphasized by Jesus in Matthew 22:37: *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

## The Cost of Obedience

Obedying God costs Jesus his life. If we think the cost is nothing to Jesus because He is God, remember He is also fully man. The Bible in Hebrews 4:15 tells us that He is subjected to the same infirmities that we are subjected to, but yet without sin. Hebrews 5:7 gives a graphic description of what Jesus went through as He agonized over His impending death at Calvary: *Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.* Following our Master will mean that obeying God will cost us dearly too. Let us examine two areas where obedience can be costly:

Choosing forgiveness (Rom 12:12,14,17) – God loved us and forgave us at great cost to Himself. We are to love others, even at great cost to ourselves. Sometimes, this means a willingness to *NOT* see justice done as a condition of forgiveness for a *personal* wrong committed against us. This does not mean that we condone the misdeed. Instead, we are prepared to let it go because we choose to obey God. We may have to humble ourselves, cause inconvenience to ourselves and even forgo our sense of justice. Cornelia “Corrie” ten Boom was a Dutch Christian who, together with her family members, helped many Jews during World War II. She was imprisoned for her actions and many of her family members died during the imprisonment. She related the story of how she chose to forgive her persecutor whom she met years later. (Read her book: I’m Still Learning to Forgive).

Depending on God (Rom 12:9-11,18-21)–We need to realize our total dependence on God when we choose to obey Him. This costly submission to God means we will lose our independence. Oswald Chambers, an early twentieth-century Scottish Baptist evangelist and teacher, in a daily devotion in his book: My Utmost for His Highest said that our obedience will be tested when we need to depend on God. Our entrenched human pride will resist the humiliation of refusing to be independent. We are to be constantly on guard that we do not dictate to God any condition for our obedience to Him.

### Application – Consciousness of God

Our obedience to God needs to be examined daily. We will be constantly tempted to disobey God just as Adam did so at the Garden of Eden. Cultivating a conscious awareness of God’s presence daily will guard our spiritual foot step. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor, gave us a warning here, “Satan does not here fill us with hatred of God, but with forgetfulness of God”. Let us draw near to God and depend on Him in every situation as we seek to obey Him out of a reverential heart of love for Him.

*Eld. Yap Chee Kian*

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Thurs 12th Nov	7pm	Mid-Week Out-reach Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Sat 14th Nov	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Galatians - A Study of Freedom and Liberty	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<b><u>TODAY: 08/11/2015</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Matthew <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael <b>Lunch:</b> Keene <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott  <b><u>NEXT WEEK: 15/11/2015</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Keene <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Joel <b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael / Hannah <b>Lunch:</b> Tom <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Josias
<b>Message</b>	The God Who Cares and Remembers	How Does One Share in the Glory of God?	
<b>Text</b>	2 Kings 8:1-6	John 17:22-24	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Pre-lunch Bible Study.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene, Meredith, Elliora.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana, Keene, Joel.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Hannah, Sharon, Elliora, Odelia, Yetta.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. Thank God that his visa application has been approved.</li> <li>• <b>Remembrance Sunday:</b> We will be observing a two minute silence today at 11am to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.</li> <li>• <b>The Church will be holding its Annual Congregational Meeting after Morning Service today.</b></li> </ul>			
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £1716.10, Lunch: £44.50 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 29 (A) 11 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 1 (C)			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 94

**Q: What is Baptism?**

*A: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water – in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost – doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.*

Comments:

The *outward act* in baptism is washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The *inward meaning* of this is the removal of our sin. We are all by nature born in sin, and we need to be *born again* before we can be admitted into heaven. Now, Baptism is an emblem of this new birth. And the baptismal fountain of water tells of *another fountain*, which is filled with the blood of Jesus Christ, and which has been opened freely for all sins and uncleanness.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:3

### MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” <b>Ephesians 6:17</b>	“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” <b>Ephesians 6:18</b>	“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” <b>Romans 8:28</b>